

Sheila's Return Home

By ANNE WHITFIELD

Dan Connor came home from work. He flung open the door of his shack, laughed bitterly as he hung up his hat, switched on the electric light, and at once went to the cot in the corner.

Mrs. Blayds, who looked after little Kittle in the daytime, had just left. Kittle was sitting in her cot as good as gold, playing with the doll Dan had bought her. She looked up at her father.

"Coo-ooo-ooo," she said.

Dan watched the little mite and laughed again more bitterly. A puzzled look came over the little girl's face.

"Mamma," she whimpered.

"She won't forget!" said Dan. "By and by, Kittle, darling."

He gave her bread and milk and watched her eat it. He beat up the pillow. Kittle was asleep in a moment. There came a tap at the door. Big Bill Peters came in.

"Hello, Bill!" said Dan. "Speak easy. The kid's asleep."

Big Bill's rumble had never awakened Kittle. There was something very gentle about the big man, despite his size. He sat down on a chair, hanging his hat on the back.

"You'll have to get the child adopted, Dan," he said.

Dan scowled. "I won't do it. Mrs. Blayds looks after her."

"Tut, man, that's no way to bring up a kid! It's for her sake, I mean, unless your wife—"

Dan raised his hand. "I've heard enough about her," he said.

"You've had no news for three months now?"

"Nor hope I ever will."

Big Bill laid a hand on his shoulder. "You know Sheila and Michael Sullivan had been sweethearts in the old country. He was a black-hearted beast, but just the kind to fascinate a girl like Sheila. She's weak."

"Weak and bad," muttered Dan.

"She's sure to come back. Wouldn't you forgive? For the kid's sake?"

"I'll never have her in my house again, Bill."

"Suppose she wanted to take the kid away?"

"She'll never get her."

"You don't need to worry, Dan," said Big Bill. "She'll never come here again."

"Whatdya mean?" Dan stared at him. "You've heard something! She's—she isn't—dead?"

Big Bill nodded. "Go easy, lad," he said. "She died of pneumonia in Chicago. That scoundrel had left her. She was poor. Her last words were about you, asking if you'd forgive. 'Twas Mrs. O'Reilly had the news of it."

Dan began rocking himself back and forth in the chair. "Sheila dead," he muttered. "Poor little Sheila. You're sure, Bill?"

"Dead sure," said Bill. "So you don't have to worry for fear she'll be coming back to you. I wanted to break the news as best I could, seeing as it was me brought you and her together. And do you remember that time you quarreled, you both asked me always to be your friend whatever happened, and to do the best I could for you?"

"Poor little girl," muttered Dan. "I guess I see how she could have fallen for that blackguard, Bill. It makes such a difference when she's dead. Don't it?"

"It oughtn't to," said Bill gently. "That's the way we misjudge. Death oughtn't to make no difference. You should have forgiven her in your heart. Women are weak things, Dan. Not like us, though we men are weak enough. God knows."

"Maybe I would have gotten over it," admitted Dan. "But it was hard bitter hard, and I—loved her."

A sob choked him. "Poor little Sheila. I wonder if it'd make her feel better to know I've forgiven her."

"Sure," said Big Bill. "That's the spirit, lad. And so the past is past and you don't have to worry no more."

He got up softly and stretched out his hand.

"Well, so long, Dan," he said. He opened the door. A blast of cold air rushed in. Some one was standing outside, a woman, hooded and cloaked.

"Sheila!"

The cry that broke from Dan's throat was like that of a man in mortal pain.

Big Bill put his arm round Sheila's waist and led her into the house.

"Dan," he said in his gentle voice "you've forgiven the dead. Forgive the living, then, for Kittle's sake!"

Dan raised Sheila's hand to his lips. "Let's both forgive," he stammered, and Big Bill closed the door upon them.

Old Billingsgate.

Billingsgate, England, is principally associated in the public mind with the great fish market—and language.

In the old days when fish was landed at the quayside and women ("fish wives") were largely engaged in the trade, the language, and the fighting among them were equally bitter. Old prints show how masculine and pug-nacious were the women. They swore and they fought to such purpose that the language of Billingsgate became a by-word.

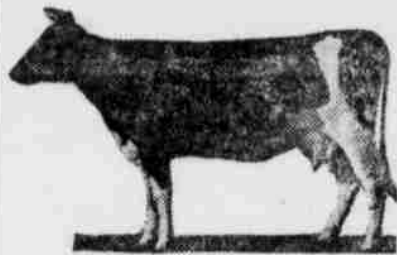
Billingsgate as a market for fish goes back as early as to the time of Ethelred 979, for it is upon record that he made a law granting exemption to men of Rouen who brought wine and large fish to Bilynggsgate.

DAIRY POINTS

FEED DAIRY COWS PROPERLY

Animal Requires Food in Accordance With Amount of Milk She is Able to Produce.

Too many cows are underfed. A cow weighing 1,000 pounds needs each day, for the maintenance of her body, an amount of food equivalent to that supplied in 8 pounds of clover hay and 20 pounds of good corn silage. She must have this food regardless of whether she produces any milk. Food used for milk production must be in addition to that required to keep the



A Good Dairy Cow Must Have Some Grain.

cow's body. A 1,000-pound cow producing 20 pounds of 4 per cent milk a day, if properly fed, devotes about half of her feed to maintenance and half to milk production. Obviously when a dairyman has gone to the expense of supplying that half of the food required for maintaining the cow's body, it is poor economy to withhold any of the other half, all of which goes to produce milk. A cow then requires feed in accordance to the amount of milk she is able to produce. The heavy producer needs the most feed.

Farm-grown roughages (silage, hay, etc.) furnish the cheapest food nutrients. However, a good dairy cow cannot eat enough roughage to supply her needs for milk production. She must have some grain. Therefore, to feed with the most economy the following rules must be observed, says the University of Missouri College of Agriculture.

1. Feed all the roughage a cow will eat. She will eat more if fed three times a day instead of twice.

2. Feed grain in proportion to the pounds of milk produced.

To a Jersey or Guernsey cow feed one pound of grain for each three to three and one-half pounds of milk produced.

To a Holstein, Ayrshire, or Short-horn feed one pound of grain for each four to four and one-half pounds of milk produced.

One of the Most Common Causes of Ailment is Dirty Pails and Feeding in Wooden Troughs.

Calves may get scours from several causes, but one of the common sources is dirty pails and the practice followed of feeding in wooden troughs. A good rule is to keep the calf buckets as clean as the milk pails. The farmer who uses a swill pail for feeding calves or who hangs the pail on a post between feedings without washing it will be looking for a cure for calf scours. With warm weather and the fly season at hand extra precaution must be taken in caring for the pails. They should be washed thoroughly after each feed and sterilized either with steam or hot water and then inverted in a clean place until used again.

GIVE CALF SOME ATTENTION

Stunted Heifer Will Never Develop Into Profitable Cow—Provide Shade and Water.

The calf is often very much neglected from the time it is six until it is twelve months of age. A heifer stunted by the lack of suitable food will never develop into as good a cow as one kept growing from birth to maturity. During summer while the young animals are on pasture not much attention is needed, as pasture grass furnishes the best and cheapest feed available. Shade and an abundance of fresh water are two essentials which the careful herdsman always provides.

HOME-MIXED MEAL FOR CALF

Good Results Obtained in Raising Young Animals at New Jersey Experiment Station.

A very good home-mixed calf meal is made up of equal parts by weight of old-process linseed meal, hominy feed, red dog flour or wheat middlings, and high-grade dried blood. In raising calves in the dairy herd at the New Jersey agricultural experiment station, both the home-mixed and commercial calf meals have been used with equally good results.

Fresh Grass for Cows. Mow the pasture to kill off weeds. Fresh grass, free of weeds, makes it possible for your cows to produce more and better milk.

Take Care of Cans. Cans used for the return of skim milk or whey should be emptied, scalded and cleaned as soon as they arrive at the farm.

Corn Makes Best Silage. Corn, either Indian or the grain sorghums, makes the best silage.



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State Auditor To Check Treasurer of Sanilac County

Sandusky, Dec. 19.—George Donaldson, county treasurer, received notice today from the auditor general's department that his books are to be examined early next week.

The board of supervisors of Sanilac county at the fall session ordered an investigation of the financial records when it was found that the treasurer was unable to make a report. It is in response to the order of the board of supervisors that the auditors are making the inspection.

BROCKWAY LODGE No. 316 F. & A. M.

Regular Communication on or before the full of the moon each month during 1923, Thursday evenings at 7:30, as follows:—Jan. 25; Mar. 1-29; April 26; May 24; June 24-28; July 26; Aug. 23; Sept. 20; Oct. 18; Nov. 22; Dec. 20-27. Warren B. Campbell, N. B. Herbert, Treas. W. M. C. D. Halsey, Secretary.

TRY AN EXPOSITOR LINER

Pleads Guilty of Harness Theft

Murray Ostrander, 25, of Lynn township, pleaded guilty Tuesday morning before Judge Eugene F. Law in circuit court to stealing \$150 worth of harness from Oscar Ingle and Harvey Smith, Lynn farmers.

When arrested Sunday by Sheriff H. W. Maines, Ostrander admitted having assisted in the theft of the harness, but named another young man, for whom the sheriff is searching.

YALE CHAPTER No. 64 O. E. S.

Regular meetings in Masonic Hall Wednesday evenings during 1923 as follows: Jan. 31; Feb. 28; Mar. 7; April 4; May 2-30; July 4; Aug. 1-29; Sept. 26; Oct. 24; Nov. 28; Dec. 26.

Special meetings announced in local columns. Visiting members cordially invited. Etta Clyne, Olive Jacobs, Secretary. W. M. Minnie Richardson, F. D. Mumby, Treasurer. W. P.

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